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Land Colonization Co-operative Society, Dharmavaram taluk.

* 419 *Q.*—SRI T. NAGI REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the people of Venkatathimmapuram village of Dharmavaram taluk of Anantapur district for financial help to their Land Colonization Co-operative Society; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) The request is under examination."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" ఈ representation వచ్చి ఎన్ని రోజు లయింది? ఈ విషయములో త్వరగా చర్య తీసుకోటానికి ప్రభుత్వం పూనుకుంటుందా? అందులో యీనాడు ఉన్నటువంటి క్షామ పరిస్థితుల దృష్ట్యా ఆ గ్రామస్థులకుగాను ఈ సొసైటీకి ధన సహాయము చేయటానికి వీలవుతుంది కాబట్టి, దీన్ని ఆచరణలో పెట్టటానికి ప్రభుత్వం ఆలోచిస్తున్నదా ? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" ఈ representation ఎప్పుడు వచ్చిందో నేను చెప్పలేను, కాని ఈ విషయంలో ఒక మాసములోగా ఎంత త్వరగా అయితే చర్య తీసుకోగలనో అంత త్వరగా చర్య తీసుకొందునని హామీ యిస్తాను."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" ఈ representation వచ్చి దాదాపు ఆరు, ఏడు నెలలు కావచ్చింది అనుకుంటాను. ఆరు, ఏడు నెలలనుంచి చర్య తీసుకొనని ప్రభుత్వం, ఒక నెలలోనైనా చర్య తీసుకోటానికి హామీ యివ్వగలదా ? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" నిజంగా ఈ representation ఆరు మాసముల క్రిందట వచ్చింది అనుకోను. ఎట్లయినను, ఒక మాసములో తప్పకుండా చర్య తీసుకుంటానని హామీ యిస్తున్నాను."

Alleged starvation deaths in Palghat town.

* 420 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether two starvation deaths occurred in Palghat town, one on the 16th November or so, and another on the 20th of this month in the railway grounds, near the Gandhi Bazaar, Palghat, Malabar; and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Government have no information, but have called for a report."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" Sir, the question was sent about two weeks ago and the Hon. Minister could have elicited information from the district authorities. These two starvation deaths were also reported in the local dailies of Malabar. Was this fact that they were published in the local vernacular dailies brought to the notice of the Government? "

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, the notice for the question was received on the 16th November and we took action on the 17th. We have to make a proper enquiry as in these days even ordinary deaths are reported as starvation deaths."

Panchayat Board for Korom amsam, Payyanur, North Malabar.

* 421 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government received any memorandum signed by 830 villagers of Korom amsam, Payyanur, North Malabar, requesting the Government for a separate panchayat board in Korom amsam ; and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Yes. The Government considered that the exclusion of the Korom revenue village from the present Payyanur Panchayat (Malabar) and the formation of a separate panchayat for the excluded area would bring into existence an uneconomic unit and that the Korom village would continue to get the benefit of larger amenities as hitherto by remaining within the panchayat than by getting out of it. The request of the villagers for the formation of a separate panchayat for the Korom village was therefore negatived."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Is it a fact that hitherto the people of Korom Amsam did not get any benefit from the Payyanur Panchayat Board and that they repeatedly requested the redressal of their grievances? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Sir, the President of the Payyanur Panchayat Board comes from Korom Amsam and I think some wooden bridges and a road are being laid."

Fruit canning factory, Kodur.

* 422 *Q.*—SRI P. NARASIMHA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Fruit Canning Factory at Kodur was sanctioned ;

(*b*) the causes for its not working till now ;

(*c*) when the canning work will start on a commercial scale ;

(*d*) the causes for not constructing the building and not equipping so far the attached Fruit Products Research Laboratory ; and

(*e*) how long it will take to construct the building and to equip the Laboratory fully?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) The Fruit Canning Factory at Kodur was sanctioned in September 1942.